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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, *inter alia*, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object".

2. At its first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), further to a proposal by the President, agreed that the secretariat should invite to the future sessions of the Conference and of its subsidiary bodies, all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions (with the exception of those which were admitted for a single session only at the Conference of the Parties) have been invited to attend the second part of the sixth session, and the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties applies to new applicants only.

3. In this context, the secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the second part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 6, part 2), for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session. The list includes new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have requested admittance since the first part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties in The Hague and whom have been granted pre-admittance status to attend the second part of the sixth session.

4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit (tax-exempt) status in a State Member of the United Nations or a specialized agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency or to Parties to the International Court of Justice.

5. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered the list of applicants and raised no objections to the organizations listed in the attached annex. These organizations have been advised of their "pre-admittance status" on the understanding that the final authority for the admission of observers rests with the Conference of the Parties.

6. In the light of the above, the Conference is invited, at its first plenary meeting to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the attached list.

Annex

List of new applicant organizations having expressed their wish to be admitted as observers at the second part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties

I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Council of Europe (COE), Strasbourg, France
2. European Space Agency (ESA), Paris, France
3. International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Nairobi, Kenya
4. South Pacific Forum Secretariat (SPF), Suva, Fiji
5. Southern African Development Community (SADC), Gaborone, Botswana

II. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Action Solidarité Tiers Monde a.s.b.l. (ASTM), Luxembourg
2. Arbeitsgruppe für Luft- und Raumfahrt (ALR), Zürich, Switzerland (Aerospace Project Development Group)
3. Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium
4. Clean Air Foundation (CAF), Warsaw, Poland
5. Community of European Railways (CER), Brussels, Belgium
6. Conservation International (CI), Washington, United States of America
7. European Committee of the Manufacturers of Fire Protection Equipment and Fire Fighting Vehicles (eurofeu), Frankfurt, Germany
8. Fondazione Lombardia per l'Ambiente (FLA), Milan, Italy
9. Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (FAN), Santa Cruz, Bolivia
10. Global Environment and Energy in the 21st Century (GEE-21), Honolulu, United States of America
11. Identity, Merge and Action (AIM), Faisalabad, Pakistan
12. Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), Tokyo, Japan
13. Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia, Belém, Brazil
14. International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT), Yokkaichi, Japan
15. Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO), Tokyo, Japan
16. READI - ENVIRONNEMENT (READI), Lome, Togo
17. STOP, Montreal, Canada
18. The Open University (OU), Milton Keynes, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
19. University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany
20. University of Delaware, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, Newark, Delaware, United States of America
21. Verband der Elektrizitätswirtschaft e.V. (VDEW), Frankfurt, Germany (German Electricity Association)
22. Youth for Intergenerational Justice and Sustainability - Europe e.V. (YOIS Europe), Oberursel, Germany

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